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The Honorable  
The Secretary of the Treasury  
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My dear Mr. Secretary:

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Budget and finance officials of this Agency have advised me that during recent conferences with Mr. Paul D. Banning, Chief Disbursing Officer, Division of Disbursement, Treasury Department, questions have arisen with respect to the safeguarding of funds made available to Agent Cashiers of the Central Intelligence Agency as well as the matter of ascertaining that I have personally approved vouchers covering advances or expenditures applicable to necessary transactions of this Agency.

Under existing arrangements it is understood by officials of the Treasury Department, the Bureau of the Budget, the General Accounting Office, and the appropriate Congressional Committees that I am fully responsible for insuring the maintenance of maximum safeguards and documentation, compatible with operational requirements, of all unwatched monies handled by officials of this Agency. This responsibility is further amplified by the pertinent provisions of Public Law 110, approved 20 June 1949. Under present emergent circumstances, it is necessary to conduct urgent operations as expeditiously as possible with a minimum amount of preliminary details. In this regard you are advised that there is in the Agency an Audit Division responsible to me whose sole function is the auditing of all accounts applicable to expenditures from unwatched funds.

In accordance with the informal request of the Chief Disbursing Officer, you are advised that all CIA cash funds in the United States, which are being held in the personal custody of any designated Agent Cashier in anticipation of expenditure, are being properly safeguarded. Facilities have been provided whereby access to such funds can be had by not less than two designated custodians acting jointly, with the exception of miscellaneous funds in amounts less than \$200,000 for any designated Agent Cashier.

I wish to assure you of our deep appreciation for the advice and assistance of Treasury Department officials in matters affecting this Agency, and I trust that the above information will cover the questions recently brought up by Mr. Banning.

Sincerely yours, 8/23/50,

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Rear Admiral, USN  
Director of Central Intelligence